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For MULTIFUNCTIONAL OPERATING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington DC 20231 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Box Honorable Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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Charlotte Bradford

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of the application entitled MULTIFUNCTIONAL OPERATING DEVICE, which is the national stage application of PCT/EP00/07829. Applicant requests that prior to examination of the above referenced application, the application be amended as follows:

In the specification:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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